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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Akira IMAI, et al.

Serial No: 10/623,849

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Title: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR  
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

Group: 1756

Examiner: Kathleen Duda

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 27, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2004, please  
amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the  
following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.